Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(1) and (2) A list containing the information is appended *(Appendix I)*.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Appendix VI, Item No. 8. Was this work again taken up?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I want notice.

S. C. 329 of 1110 of the Cranganur Munsiff's Court.

83. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table—

(1) a copy of the decree passed in S. C. 329 of 1110 of the Cranganur Munsiff's Court on 6th Illedam 1110;

(2) a copy of the petition filed by the judgment-debtor in the same case on 26th Mithunam 1110;

(3) a copy of the order passed on the petition in (2) on 3rd Kanni 1111?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Government regret that they cannot undertake to obtain copies of the papers referred to.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—May I know, Sir, why a copy cannot be placed on the table?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no obligation on the Government to furnish the Hon'ble Members of this House with copies of proceedings which occur between private parties which are as easily accessible to private parties as the Government themselves.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of the fact that the Hon'ble Member was asking for a particular information is it not a consideration for the Government in deciding whether or not the information at the disposal of private parties should be given or not that some public importance should be attached with that very question?

Mr. President.—The Government cannot afford to spend their revenues for stamp papers for getting copies of decrees and judgments in cases between private parties for being placed on the table.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of the fact that the question has been put by a Non-Official Member asking for a particular information is it not the duty of the Government, whether the information is at the disposal of the Government or at the disposal of private parties, to attach some public importance to that question?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Government cannot afford to lose all the revenue for stamp papers for taking copies of decrees and petitions from the Courts and place them on the table.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Were not petitions and copies of petitions placed on the table of this very House before?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— Only in cases where they were petitions to the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Were not copies of petitions sent to the Magistrates placed on the table of the House before?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—When they are forwarded to the Government for disposal.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Petitions which have been sent to the Magistrates and which have been disposed of by the Magistrates themselves?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Not that I am aware of. Unless Government have directly or indirectly anything to do with it, it is not placed on the table.

Mr. President.—I must make the position perfectly clear. Government are not bound to supply copies of decrees of Courts and other documents which the Hon'ble Members themselves can procure.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— May I know whether there are not previous instances when such copies were placed on the table?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Not that I am aware of.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are not these public documents?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It is open to anybody to get copies provided they supply the necessary stamp papers.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I may inform the Chair that copies of these are not given to private parties.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The Hon'ble Member's inference is wrong. Formerly the practice in Cochin State was, for a third person who is not a party to the proceedings to get copies of documents, he must apply only after obtaining a Diary from the Court. Now for many years since it has been the practice, which has been sanctioned by a decision of the Chief Court also, to give copies of documents to any person who applies for it showing the purpose for which it is required.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have the Government noted the point raised in this particular petition that the Magistrate refused to give protection under the recent Royal Proclamation on a particular occasion?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There was no occasion for the Government to note the point

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Before answering the question was it not incumbent on the Government to understand the nature of the petition?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The first thing to be considered was whether Government were prepared to place on the table these papers. So there was no occasion for Government to understand the nature of the complaint.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have the Government received any complaint regarding the same Magistrate that he is overlooking the claims of Judgment Debtors based on the recent Moratorium?

Mr. President.—That question does not arise.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Has not the aggrieved party a right of revision in any civil court?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The same petition about the same Munsiff.....

Mr. President.—Order, order. The Hon'ble Member might have had something in his mind when he put the question. Government cannot know what was in his mind. The only point is that he has asked for certain papers. Government have answered that they cannot place them on the table. This kind of supplementary question cannot arise on that.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My supplementary question was not answered, whether such papers were not placed on the table before?

Mr. President.— The Secretary to Government has answered it three times.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—He does not know because he was not here. Let other members answer.

Mr. President.—Government are one. It will probably save waste of time if Hon'ble Members will understand this. Documents like this containing proceedings of Courts etc. cannot be got by Government and placed on the table. Any private

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party must observe the rules of practice and apply for copies from the Court.

House rent paid to the Government by Diwans.

84. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

the amount of house rent paid to the Government of Cochin while they were in office per year by

(1) the late Diwan Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya;
(2) Do Diwan Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar;
(3) Do Mr. Herbert; and
(4) the present Diwan Sir Shanmukham Chetty?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) At the rate of Rs. 1,200 per annum till the end of Dhanu 1096, and at the rate of Rs. 1,500 per annum from 1st Makaram 1096.

(2), (3) and (4) Nil, as free quarters were allowed.

Madras States Directory.

85. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total number of the State Directory purchased by Government every year;

(b) are all the copies distributed among the different offices;

(3) if not, the number of copies that remain not distributed?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) 100 copies.
(b) Yes.
(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (b).

Giving of information to relations when a prisoner falls dangerously ill or dies.

86. **Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether according to the Jail Rules, it is obligatory on the part of the jail authorities to inform the relations as soon as a prisoner falls dangerously ill or dies in the jail hospital;

(2) if so, is the rule being strictly observed;

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